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SUBJECT: OFFSHORE OIL OPERATORS' PROCUREMENT

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY OFFSHORE SUPPLIES OFFICE HAS PUBLISHED SUMMARY OF ORDERS PLACED DURING 1974 BY OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS OPERATORS. SUMMARY SHOWS GRAND TOTAL OF ORDERS PLACED OF 1,279 MILLION POUNDS WITH UK CONTENT OF 516 MILLION OR 40 PERCENT. HOWEVER WHEN "VALUE OF ORDERS PLACED IN AREAS WHERE THERE IS LITTLE CURRENT UK CAPABILITY" IS EXCLUDED, UK CONTENT GOES UP TO 55 PERCENT. COPY POUCHED. END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. DOE MEANWHILE CONTINUES ITS EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE PROCUREMENT IN UK, MAINLY THROUGH TRYING TO ENSURE "FULL AND FAIR OPPORTUNITY" FOR UK FIRMS. DOE HAS NOW DISTRIBUTED DRAFT GUIDELINES ON PURCHASING PRACTICE TO OFFSHORE OPERATORS AND ONE OF THE OPERATORS HAS GIVEN A COPY TO THE EMBASSY (COPY POUCHED). GUIDELINES ARE IN FORM OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND CODE OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRACTICE TO WHICH OPERATORS ARE ASKED TO SUBSCRIBE.

STATED INTENT IS TO ENSURE FULL AND FAIR OPPORTUNITY
FOR UK INDUSTRY TO COMPETE AND BULK OF REQUIREMENTS
RELATE TO OPENNESS OF PROCUREMENT PROCEDURE, SUBJECT
TO CLOSE SURVEILLANCE BY OFFSHORE SUPPLIES OFFICE.
GUIDELINES ARE SAID BY DOE TO CODIFY EXISTING PRACTICE
(LONDON 11915). DRAFT MAY BE REVISED AFTER TALKS
WHICH DOE INTENDS TO HOLD WITH OPERATORS. PRELIMINARY
REACTION OF ONE OPERATOR WAS THAT GUIDELINES ARE
GENERALLY REASONABLE, THOUGH HE HAD RESERVATIONS ABOUT
OSO WISH TO SEE TENDERS. WE HAVE NOT HEARD FROM ANYONE
ELSE IN THE INDUSTRY.

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